മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ (*Vadakkancheri*).— സ്പെഷ്യൽ ആഡിറ്റർമാർ ഇല്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ട് വക്കുകാര്യത്തിൽ വല്ല ദോഷവും വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻനായർ (*Joint Secretary to Government*).— അങ്ങിനെ വന്നതായിട്ട് അറിവില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ (*Ezhuvas North*).— മാനുവൽ ലേബർ ഒഴികെ മറ്റുള്ള പണികാര്യം അവർക്ക് കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻനായർ (*Joint Secretary to Government*).— ഇല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. നാരായണമേനോൻ (*Vyttila*).— മാനുവൽ ലേബറിനു ക്ലേശിയില്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻനായർ (*Joint Secretary to Government*).— ക്ലേശിയുണ്ട്.

Cochin Tanneries—particulars of.

315. Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Adur*).—Will the Government be pleased to state to the House the present condition of the affairs of the Cochin Tanneries Ltd.?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Joint Secretary to Government*).—The properties of the Cochin Tanneries, viz., the mill and its premises have been purchased by Government at Court auction for Rs. 1,25,000.

For the working of the concern Government had published a Notification in the Gazette inviting proposals in the matter. But no satisfactory response was made to this notification. Under these circumstances no arrangements have been made yet for the working of the concern, but the question is engaging the consideration of Government and will be receiving early attention.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancherry*).—May I know, sir, when this court sale was effected?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Joint Secretary to Government.*)—Nearly a year back.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—May I know which department is in charge of the Tanneries?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—The Industries Department.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—How many Officers are there in the Tanneries now?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—There is only one care-taker.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—What is the annual expenditure incurred by Government for that?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Joint Secretary to Government.*—Between 200 and 250 rupees.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—Is it for the working of the concern by the Government that proposals were invited?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachadra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Including this 1,25,000 rupees what amount has the Government spent for this concern now?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—More than 2 lakhs, I think.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Have the Government considered the idea of starting any other industry there?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—No.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—May I know the nature of the idea that the Government now entertain with regard to the future working of this factory?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—If there is anybody willing to carry on this work of tanning on reasonable terms Government may have no objection to entrust the concern to that body. Even if there is anybody to purchase it outright, I think Government would be willing to part with it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Is there any objection to revive the concern under State ownership at least as an experiment?

Mr. President.—Other experiments have not brought any fruit hitherto.

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